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#### **REMARKS**

# Summary of Changes Made

The application was filed with 14 claims. In previous amendments, claims 3, 7-9, 11, and 12 were canceled. Presently, claims 6, 10, and 13-18 are canceled as directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of Group I, claims 1, 2, 4, and 5. New claims 19-21 are added. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 19-21 (7 claims) remain pending. No new matter is added by this amendment.

### Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(e) or 103(a) - (Chopin or Domen or Olson)

Given that no further mention is made of the 102(e) or 103(a) rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, and 5 over the Chopin, Domen, and Olson references (each individually), Applicants believe that such claims are both novel and non-obvious over said Chopin, Domen, and Olson references, each individually.

#### New Claims

New claims 19-21 are added herein to round out Applicants' claim coverage. The limitations of claim 19 are found in the first paragraph of the Description of the Preferred Embodiments, page 6. Support for claim 20 is found in the last full paragraph on page 13. Support for claim 21 is found in the paragraph bridging pages 13-14.

All new claims depend from claim 1, which is evidently patentable over all cited art references. Applicants request an indication of allowability of new claims 19-21.

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## **CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request entry of the instant amendment and a Notice of Allowability for claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 19-21. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application. If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. SHD-18094.

Respectfully submitted,

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